of the performance by the BIS licensees and whenever considered necessary, either suspends or cancels the licence. As a result, there has been a gradual decline in the receipt of complaints.

Sale of Imported sugar under PDS

3041. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sale of imported sugar to card holders of Delhi and other States has been made in 1994 and upto February, 1995 under PDS;

(b) if so, names of such States and Union Territories with selling rate per kilogram;

(c) whether sale of imported sugar was made in open market at rate of Rs. 13.50 per kilogram prior to its sale at Fair Price Shops;

(d) whether this sale did not become popular amongst the consumers;

(e) whether sale of imported sugar through Fair Price Shops was forcible;

(f) if so, reasons for importing huge stock of sugar;

(g) whether Government propose to take action in this regard; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The allocation of levy sugar from the month of September, 94 to March, 95 was a blend of imported sugar and indigenous sugar. Both indigenous sugar as well as imported sugar was distributed at a uniform retail price of Rs. 9.05 per kg. throughout the country though Public Distribution System is being

(c) The Indian Sugar & General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd., had operated a scheme for sale of imported sugar in the open market through consumer outlets such as Kendriya Bhandar, Super Bazar and private shops in Delhi, Bombay, etc. on the condition that retail price would not exceed Rs. 14.50 per kg.

(d) & (e) No such specific complaint has been received from any State Government/UT Administration.

(f) Import of sugar had become necessary in 1994 due to the shortfall in domestic production of sugar.

(g) and (h) Do not arise.

Functioning of consumer courts

3042. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Consumer Courts in doldrums" as reported in "The Statesman" of 30th January, 1995;

(b) if so, whether Government have ever reviewed the functioning of the Consumer Courts;

(c) if so, the reasons for mounting cases in Consumer Courts; and

(d) what immediate steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission organised an All India Conference of Presidents and Members of the State Commissions on 24.1.1994 where the Statewise